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WASHINGTON, June 21, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 16 totaled 350,299, up 3.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 but 0.7 percent below the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 4.3 percent in the East and 2.5 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 10,470 cars (8.6 percent). Grain loadings were up 2,801 cars (11.0 percent), and loadings of chemicals rose by 1,414 cars (5.5 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 24 weeks of 1990 totaled 8,162,747, up 0.4 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 119,166 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 16, up 5.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of 1990 was 2,790,228 trailers and/or containers, 3.5 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 16 totaled 20.4 billion, up 6.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 475.1 billion ton-miles, up 1.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	28,278	25,477	11.0 %	28,231	.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,076	2,106	-1.4	2,017	2.9
Metallic Ores	21,049	22,511	-6.5	19,335	8.9
Coal	132,345	121,875	8.6	134,987	-2.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,118	16,657	2.8	17,802	-3.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,087	10,200	-10.9	9,725	-6.6
Grain Mill Products	9,870	9,885	-.2	10,078	-2.1
Food & Kindred Products	8,640	8,624	.2	8,628	.1
Primary Forest Products	10,081	10,035	.5	10,104	-.2
Lumber & Wood Products	6,589	7,211	-8.6	6,270	5.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,328	10,935	-5.6	10,407	-.8
Chemicals	27,244	25,830	5.5	27,898	-2.3
Petroleum Products	5,375	5,018	7.1	5,048	6.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,359	10,544	-1.8	10,527	-1.6
Coke	5,866	5,586	5.0	5,910	-.7
Metals & Products	9,781	9,208	6.2	9,552	2.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,042	20,557	2.4	20,888	.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,961	9,101	-1.5	8,994	-.4
All Other Carloads	6,210	7,061	-12.1	6,536	-5.0
Total	**350,299**	**338,421**	**3.5 %**	**352,937**	**-.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 24 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 16, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**350,299**	**338,421**	**3.5 %**	**8,162,747**	**8,132,233**	**.4 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,613	66,683	-1.6	1,575,951	1,577,380	-.1
Containers	53,553	46,718	14.6	1,214,277	1,119,716	8.4
Total	**119,166**	**113,401**	**5.1**	**2,790,228**	**2,697,096**	**3.5**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.4**	**19.1**	**6.8 %**	**475.1**	**466.7**	**1.8 %**